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Local Boards

Construction of a road connecting South Kanara with Malabar.

* 669 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: With reference to the answer to my supplementary question to question No. 127, dated 1st March 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the South Kanara District Board has applied for grant for constructing a road connecting Malabar with South Kanara, and if so, what amount has been granted?

A.—The South Kanara District Board has not applied for any grant for the purpose. The Government have, however, called for proposals with plans for the construction of such a road.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—“I want to know what the policy of the Government with regard to the road is—whether they treat it as a second class road or a trunk road?”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—“The matter is under the consideration of the Government.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“Now I suppose all the questions are exhausted?”

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—“Question No. 672, Sir.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“Question No. 672 was called when the hon. Member was present in the House.”

III

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE ERECTION OF THE PUMPING INSTALLATION ON THE PALAR.*

* Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“Sir, I wish to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, to wit, the inordinate haste with which the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company are pushing on with the work of erecting a powerful pumping installation on the bed of the Palar river, near Jalarpet junction, to the detriment of the interests of the ryots of the neighbourhood, and the callous indifference of the District Collector to the petitions of the affected ryots.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“The hon. Member, by his motion, wants to discuss two subject matters: (1) The inordinate haste with which the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company are pushing on with the work of a pumping installation; and (2) the callous indifference of the District Collector to the petitions of the ryots affected.

“Under rule 12 (2), not more than one matter can be discussed on the same motion, and the motion must be restricted to a specific matter of recent occurrence. Since the present motion refers to two matters, may I know how the hon. Member can say that it is in order?”

* Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“I would submit, Sir, that the motion really refers to only one matter, viz., the callous indifference of the District authorities. Sir, were it not for this, the Railway authorities would not have been able to push on with their scheme. If this matter had

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been settled in favour of the ryots, the Railway authorities could not have done anything in the matter. Therefore, there is really only one matter involved in this motion."

* The hon the PRESIDENT :—" I hold, under 12 (2), that the motion deals with two matters and that therefore, it is out of order.

IV
COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the return^a of officers under the Government of Madras who held permanent, temporary and officiating or probationary appointments on the 1st April of each of the years 1924, 1925 and 1926 prescribed in G.O. No. 348, Public, dated the 13th April 1926.

The Secretary laid on the table copies of a G.O. No. 1350, Development, dated 29th August 1927, recording the audit report of the Government Institute, Madura, for the quarter ending 31st December 1926.

V
LUNCH INTERVAL ON FRIDAYS.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" May I know if the hon. the Leader of the House has any remarks to make on the suggestion made yesterday that, on Fridays, the Council may be adjourned at 12-30 p.m. instead of at 1-30 p.m. and continue to sit till 6 p.m. instead of till 5 p.m. ? "

* The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS —" I am obliged to you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. On behalf of the Government, I would like to say that the Government would prefer not to sit after 5 o'clock, as they have their normal work to attend to, but they are agreeable to the adjournment of the House on Fridays at 12-30 p.m. "

VI
MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Sir, with reference to the motion under discussion yesterday, a point of order was raised by the hon. the Advocate-General. I should like to make a statement. . . . "

* Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" We are not able to hear a word of what is said in the front benches."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Sir, I should like to state that, in consultation with the Government, we have agreed that the consideration of these supplementary demands be postponed to 31st October and, in the meantime, the Finance Committee be requested to consider the policy of the Government in appropriating the sums remitted by the Government of India and report by 31st October to the Council as to their utilization in future. In view of this joint consultation, I request that the point of order need not be pressed."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I understand that the Government and the Leader of the Opposition have agreed to a certain course regarding the